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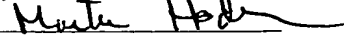
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Title: METHOD OF REDUCING
NOSOCOMIAL INFECTIONS

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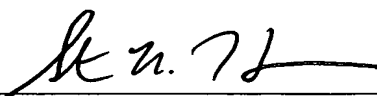
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**LETTER FOR PCT ARTICLE 19 AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS
(PCT ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS SECTION 205)**

1. Applicant herewith submits two new sheets of claims containing new claims 7-14
2. In respect of each claim appearing in the international application, and in accordance with PCT Section 205, the following claim(s) is/are:
 - (i) unchanged: claims 1-6.
 - (ii) cancelled: none.
 - (iii) new: claims 7-14.
 - (iv) replacement of one or more claims as filed: none.
 - (v) the result of the division of one or more claims as filed, as follows: not applicable.

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New Claims:

7. A method of preventing nosocomial infections, comprising:
applying a disinfectant to an area of the patient's mucosa,
wherein the disinfectant comprises chlorhexadine gluconate;
inserting an endotracheal tube into the patient's trachea such
that it is in contact with the area of the patient's mucosa.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the area of the patient's mucosa
is at least one selected from the group consisting of the gingiva, the buccal mucosa,
the floor of the mouth, the hard palate, the soft palate, the dorsal tongue, the lateral
tongue, the ventral tongue, and an oropharyngeal surface.
9. The method of claim 7, wherein the step of applying a
disinfectant comprises contacting a swab applicator with the disinfectant and
contacting the area of the patient's mucosa with the swab applicator.
10. The method of claim 7, further comprising providing a spray
can containing the disinfectant, and wherein the step of applying a disinfectant
comprises spraying the disinfectant on the area of the patient's mucosa.
11. A method of preventing nosocomial infections, comprising:
providing a swab applicator comprising a handle having a
frangible tip and a sponge disposed about the frangible tip, wherein the handle
contains a disinfectant comprising chlorhexadine gluconate;

separating at least a portion of the tip from the handle such that the disinfectant contacts the sponge; and

contacting an area of the patient's mucosa with the sponge.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the frangible tip is scored.

13. The method of claim 11, further comprising inserting an endotracheal tube into the patient's trachea such that is in contact with the area of the patient's mucosa.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein the area of the patient's mucosa is at least one selected from the group consisting of the gingiva, the buccal mucosa, the floor of the mouth, the hard palate, the soft palate, the dorsal tongue, the lateral tongue, the ventral tongue, and an oropharyngeal surface.